

REMARKS

Claims 21 to 41 are pending in the application, of which claims 21, 30 and 36 are the independent claims. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, cancelled independent claim 1 was rejected for statutory-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,219,623. As shown above, Applicant has cancelled claim 1 and has added new claims 21 to 41. These claims are believed to be patentably distinct from the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,219,623.

In particular, new independent claim 21 is directed to a system for controlling power supplied to a utility network. The system includes a detector to detect a characteristic of power on a grid line of the utility network, an accelerator to measure a change in the characteristic, and circuitry to control the power supplied to the utility network based on the change in the characteristic.

New independent claim 30 is directed to a method of controlling power supplied to a utility network, which includes detecting a trend in voltage on the utility network and controlling the power supplied to the utility network in accordance with the trend.

New independent claim 36 is an apparatus claim having a scope that roughly corresponds to the scope of claim 30.~

Each of these claims, and their respective dependent claims, are believed to define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, withdrawal of the double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,219,623 is respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

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